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Hi, Shannon.

I just wanted you to have a copy of the letter that was sent to Sunnyside Gold today. Paula coordinated with Brent in drafting the letter.

I don't think there should be too much interest in this letter, but I've taken some talking points from the letter below and our previous communication strategy:

- The Agencies (EPA, BLM, CDPHE) are encouraged at Sunnyside Gold Corporation's (SGC) continued commitment to work on improving the water quality in the Animas River.
- Since SGC's Feb. 16, 2015 letter states that it has begun preparing the requested workplans, the Agencies would like to schedule a meeting with SGC as soon as possible to: 1) discuss work plan development; 2) discuss coordinating SGC's workplans with the Agencies workplans for remedial investigation work in other portions of the basin; and 3) begin discussions on an agreement for implementation of SGC's workplans.
- Evidence suggests that the problems in the Animas River are more far reaching than originally understood, and the Upper Animas above Cement Creek and its drainages must also be investigated. There may also be adverse impacts to the water quality in the Animas River from Mineral Creek.
- The Agencies agree with SGC that step one is to "continue to gather the requisite knowledge to understand the problem."
- The Agencies requested in their Jan. 5, 2015 letter that SGC assist with these particular investigations, because SGC has experience with and knowledge of both the Mayflower Mill and Tailings area and the American Tunnel.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thanks!

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